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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2-20-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 30 is objected to because of the following informalities: At the end of line 2, "i" is a typo. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
2. Claims 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. Claims 6 and 7 recite the limitation "the information" and " the information previously acquired". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.
4. Claims 8 and 9 recite the limitation "the time". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims. The acquisition condition information has "time information".
5. Claim 10 recites the limitation "the acquisition condition information", "the content information", "said information", and "the acquisition demand information set". There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
6. Claims 14, 15, and 16 recite the limitation "said information" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

7. Claims 17, 18, and 19 recite the limitation "the information" in 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.
8. Claim 20 recites the limitation "the information" in line 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
9. Claim 21 recites the limitation "the information acquired in advance" and "the information" on lines 3 and 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
10. Claim 22 recites the limitation "the input operation" in line 4 and "the information" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
11. The remaining claims are rejected for being dependant on the above rejected claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7, 10-16, and 20-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirono, 6246958.
3. As per claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28, Hirono discloses an information acquiring section for acquiring information on lines 31-33, on column 4; an information processing section for associating the information acquired by the information acquiring section with acquisition condition information concerning the

conditions for making the information acquiring section execute an information acquiring operation to acquire information on lines 34-41, on column 4; an acquisition possibility determining section for determining, based on the acquisition condition information, whether or not the acquiring operation can be executed; and a control section for controlling the information acquiring section, when it is determined by the acquisition possibility determining section that the acquiring operation can be executed, to execute the acquiring operation on lines 49-67, on column 6; an input section for setting and inputting an acquisition demand information for demanding execution of the acquiring operation in response to an input operation, wherein said control section provides controls for inhibiting the execution of the acquiring operation, when it is determined by the control section that the acquiring operation cannot be executed by the acquisition possibility determining section, even if the control section recognizes an input for setting the acquisition demand information in the input section on lines 27-29, on column 5; an acquisition possibility determining section for determining whether or not the information demanded from the acquisition demand information and the information acquired by the information acquiring section are identical to each other, and for determining, when the two pieces of information are not identical to each other, that the acquiring operation can be executed on lines 49-67, on column 6; said acquisition condition information relates to the conditions for executing the acquiring operation at a timing when the information not identical to the information previously acquired can be acquired on lines 40-46, on column 2; an input section for setting and inputting an acquisition demand information to demand an acquiring operation to make the information acquisition

section acquire information with a specified content in response to an input operation, wherein the acquisition condition information is the content information concerning a content of said information; and the acquisition possibility determining section determines that the acquiring operation can be executed when it is determined by comparing contents of the acquisition demand information set and inputted in the input section to those of said acquisition condition information that the two pieces of information are not identical to each other on lines 20-29, on column 2;

4. As per claims 11, 12, and 13, Hirono discloses acquiring information through communications (46).

5. As per claims 14, 15, and 16, Hirono discloses a guidance reporting section for reporting a guidance in response to the moving state of a movable body, wherein said information is information concerning movement of the movable body on lines 34-38, on column 4.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirono, 6246958, in view of Kondou et al., 6073075.

8. Hirono discloses the limitations as set forth above. Hirono does not disclose said acquisition possibility determining section determines that an acquiring operation can be

executed when it recognizes, by comparing the time information concerning the current point of time to said acquisition condition information, that the current point of time has reached the time indicated by the acquisition condition information; and different types of updateable information. Kondou et al. teaches said acquisition possibility determining section determines that an acquiring operation can be executed when it recognizes, by comparing the time information concerning the current point of time to said acquisition condition information, that the current point of time has reached the time indicated by the acquisition condition information on lines 45-54, on column 8; and different types of updateable information on lines 30-43, on column 4. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of Kondou et al. in the invention of Hirono because such modification would provide a user of a mobile terminal proper information on a real time basis as stated on lines 59-62, on column 1, of Kondou et al.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Broadhead whose telephone number is 703-308-9033. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on 703-305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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